



REGULAR MEETING OF THE RCWD BOARD OF MANAGERS

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

**Mounds View City Hall Council Chambers
2401 County Road 10, Mounds View, Minnesota
and**

**Meeting also conducted by alternative means
(teleconference or video-teleconference) from remote locations**

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CALL TO ORDER

President Michael Bradley called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Michael Bradley, 1st Vice-Pres. John Waller, 2nd Vice-Pres. Jess Robertson, Treasurer Marcie Weinandt, and Secretary Janet Hegland (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)

Absent: None

Staff Present: Administrator Nick Tomczik, Regulatory Manager Patrick Hughes, Outreach & Grant Technician Molly Nelson, Lake & Stream Manager Matt Kocian, Office Manager Theresa Stasica

Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness from Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI) & District Attorney John Kolb from Rinke Noonan; Joe Bischoff, Barr Engineering

Visitors: Scott Robinson

Visitors monitoring via Zoom: None

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Robinson, 8179 4th Avenue, Lino Lakes, stated that with the Jones Lake project, there appeared to be State money and EPA grants. He asked that when the Board discussed ACD 10-22-32 in their upcoming work session, the Board discuss whether there may be other grants available to help fix those problems. He stated that, in his opinion, the problems have arisen due to the negligence of previous District Boards.

30 **SETTING OF THE AGENDA**

31 District Administrator Tomczik requested the addition of an item under Board action for District
32 Vehicle Purchase and Related Accessories.

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34 ***Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Weinandt, to approve the agenda as
35 amended. Motion carried 5-0.***

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37 **READING OF THE MINUTES AND THEIR APPROVAL**

38 **Minutes of May 27, 2026, Board of Managers Regular Meeting.**

39 ***Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve the minutes of the
40 May 25, 2026, Board of Managers Regular meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.***

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42 **CONSENT AGENDA**

43 The following items will be acted upon without discussion in accordance with the staff recommendation
44 and associated documentation unless a Manager or another interested person requests an opportunity
45 for discussion:

46 **Table of Contents-Permit Applications Requiring Board Action**

No.	Applicant	Location	Plan Type	Recommendation
26-031	City of Lino Lakes	Lino Lakes	Final Site Drainage Plan	CAPROC 8 items

49 ***It was moved by Manager Waller, and seconded by Manager Hegland, to approve the consent
50 agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD District Engineer's
51 Findings and Recommendations, dated June 2, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.***

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53 **Water Quality Grant Program Cost Share Application (Molly Nelson)**

No.	Applicant	Location	Project Type	Eligible Total Project Cost	Pollutant Reduction	Funding Recommendation
W26-01	Rademacher	Mahtomedi	Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration	\$8,990.65	Volume: Pending TSS: Pending TP: 0.67 lbs./yr	\$4,495.33 not to exceed 50% of eligible project costs or up to \$10,000.00.

54 ***It was moved by Manager Weinandt, and seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the consent
55 agenda as outlined in the above Table of Contents in accordance with RCWD Outreach and
56 Grants Technician's Recommendations, dated June 1, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.***

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58 Manager Weinandt suggested that the Board may want to have a Citizen Advisory Committee
59 (CAC) update for the Board during this time.

61 Outreach & Grant Technician Nelson gave a brief overview of the discussion from the most recent
62 CAC meeting, including concerns and suggestions to improve the onboarding process for new
63 members.

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65 **ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

66 **1. Centerville Lake Alum Project – Contractor Pay App #2**

67 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian stated that the Centerville Lake Alum Project had been
68 completed. He introduced Joe Bischoff of Barr Engineering, who served as the project
69 engineer. They briefly reviewed the project background, assessment of internal and
70 external phosphorus loads, financing for the project (including a significant Clean Water
71 Fund grant from the state), execution of the project, background on alum and its success
72 throughout the State, the application process, floc formation, pH monitoring that
73 happened throughout the process, water quality improvements, and the project close-
74 out and payment details. The project was completed on time and slightly under budget.

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76 Manager Weinandt noted that Mr. Bischoff had mentioned an earlier alum treatment and
77 asked when the first one took place.

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79 Mr. Bischoff stated that the first treatment took place in 1998 and explained that since
80 that time, they have learned a lot about proper dosages.

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82 Manager Weinandt referenced one of the presentation slides that had comparisons with
83 2019 data.

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85 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian and Mr. Bischoff explained that the 2019 sediment
86 analysis was used as a pre-project baseline dataset for the current project.

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88 Manager Hegland asked how long the treatment would last.

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90 Mr. Bischoff explained that it varied by lake and noted that what would shorten its
91 lifespan the most was burial. He stated that if there was a lot of watershed loading, that
92 would bury the alum treatment with new releasable phosphorus. He stated that for this
93 particular lake, it should last 15-20 years because it has a very small watershed and noted
94 that there had been a lot of work done to reduce the external phosphorus loading.

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96 Manager Waller stated that there used to be a pump in Centerville Lake that sucked the
97 water out, and now that was gone. He stated that he assumed that when that was
98 taking place, it had a phosphorus impact on Centerville Lake and asked if the expectation
99 would be for it to add to the longevity because they no longer did this pumping.

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101 Lake & Stream Manager Kocian stated that St Paul Water Services used to be pumping
102 lots of water from Centerville Lake, and that had a negative impact on water quality, as it
103 created backflow from Peltier into Centerville Lakes. Lake & Stream Manager Kocian
104 stated the example shared by Manager Waller was one of the many things they looked at

105 when they were working on the diagnosis report for this project. He stated that because
106 the pump has been removed from Centerville Lake, phosphorus loading from Peltier Lake
107 had been removed as well. He reviewed some of the next steps for Centerville Lake,
108 including maintaining the watershed BMPs and monitoring the lake's water quality and
109 sediment. He noted that they have already been getting praise from lake residents and
110 users about the lake and the success of the alum treatments.

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112 ***Motion by Manager Hegland, seconded by Manager Robertson, to approve final***
113 ***payment to Solitude Lake Management for the Centerville Lake Alum Project in the***
114 ***amount of \$557,681.70.***

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116 Manager Weinandt explained that she was a member of the Clean Water Council and
117 wanted to remind the Board that this was a million dollars from citizens of Minnesota
118 who voted to tax themselves for water quality benefits. She stated that the Clean Water
119 Council was looking for input on how to manage the funding for this year. She noted
120 that she felt that the District received this grant because they submitted an excellent
121 application for an excellent project. She stated that people should be very clear that this
122 was State money going to one lake and one watershed. She explained that it was also
123 approved because it was included in the District's Water Management Plan (WMP).

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125 ***Motion carried 5-0.***

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127 **2. HEI Task Order 2025-012: Jones Lake Final Design and Permitting Amendment**

128 District Administrator Tomczik stated that this item is to revise the HEI Task Order to
129 include ecological restoration strategies. He reminded the Board that the cities of New
130 Brighton, St. Anthony, and Roseville had submitted a joint petition to the District to
131 develop a comprehensive strategy for stormwater management, flood damage reduction,
132 and water quality enhancements. He explained that they have submitted a permit
133 application to the DNR and have also had conversations where they passed along some
134 suggestions and support for moving forward on the project. He explained that the change
135 in scope for this task order revision was a result of the discussions with the DNR.

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137 ***Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Bradley, to authorize the***
138 ***Administrator to execute Task Order 2025-012: Jones Lake final Design and Permitting***
139 ***Change in Scope of Services for Houston Engineering, Inc., not to exceed \$523,380.00.***

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141 District Engineer Otterness stated that this task order doesn't include Houston
142 Engineering time because they were simply being a pass-through for the dollars to go to
143 Critical Connections Ecological Services, who provide the scope included in the task order.
144 He explained that the costs included were just estimates, and staff were still hopeful that
145 they might be able to come in under the budgeted amount.

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147 Manager Waller explained that he wouldn't support voting to approve extra money
148 today. He stated that he thinks the Jones Lake final design and permitting should go

149 back to a workshop meeting. He stated that he felt they should take a look at what the
150 DNR was telling the District and find a way to work within those parameters. He noted
151 that Jones Lake is not within the drainage system, and the District didn't have any
152 authority over it. He stated that there are inlets and outlets, which are kind of like Hall's
153 Marsh, and the District had made a point, in the past, to not get involved with projects
154 that are really the responsibility of the cities. He reiterated that he felt the Board should
155 go back and take a look at the rules for the money that has been allocated for this from
156 the State and find a way to design a solution that meets the DNR's current concerns and
157 stays within the \$2 million, not the projected \$9+ million. He stated that the original scope
158 approved last July included wetland permit application preparation, and he felt it was
159 unacceptable for HEI to come back and ask for additional money for this work. He
160 reiterated that he did not think the Board should authorize spending this money and
161 should discuss this during a workshop.

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163 President Bradley stated that the District had received around \$2 million on two separate
164 occasions because they felt this wasn't a city responsibility and was a regional flooding
165 hazard issue. He stated that the District was in the business of dealing with regional
166 flooding hazard problems on a regional basis.

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168 Manager Robertson asked what year the plan the Board had for this project had been
169 initiated.

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171 District Administrator Tomczik stated that the superstorm occurred in 2011, and the
172 petition came soon after that, around 2012 or 2013.

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174 Manager Robertson stated that a fair comment, as shared by Manager Waller, is that the
175 objectives may be the same, but the steps to the objective may not be. She stated that
176 her biggest impediment with this is that they keep calling it Jones Lake visually, but it is
177 not a lake. She asked if there were other maintenance-related things that the District
178 could do that meet the objective of mitigating flooding and water quality. She stated
179 that it may make sense to come back together and come up with a different, more
180 effective plan.

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182 President Bradley explained that in 2020, the District adopted a 10-year plan, which
183 included all the projects necessary to address the flooding problems. He stated that this
184 was the 3rd major project of those projects. He asked District Engineer Otterness to
185 comment on the plan that was included in their WMP to deal with this problem and how
186 things were progressing.

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188 District Engineer Otterness stated that the question Manager Robertson asked was the
189 same question they had gotten from the DNR and other regulators as they have moved
190 through this process. He stated that they wanted to know what the District had done to
191 demonstrate that this was the project that needed to be done, and explained that they
192 had put together a laundry list of alternatives that had been looked at and provided them

193 to the regulating agencies. He stated that the DNR had suggested some other possible
194 alternatives, but some of them had already been considered by the District and had
195 provided information back to them on why those wouldn't meet the project objectives.
196 He stated that the idea of scaling the project back, as suggested by Manager Waller,
197 would not provide enough benefit to make a significant difference to the flooding issue.
198 He explained that he did not believe that there could be a significant reduction without
199 proceeding with the project as it was proposed.

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201 President Bradley asked if the District had completed any environmental reviews.

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203 District Engineer Otterness answered that the District had completed the environmental
204 assessment worksheet (EAW) as part of the permitting process.

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206 President Bradley noted that as part of that, they also reviewed alternatives as part of the
207 overall DNR process.

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209 District Engineer Otterness stated that they had gone through the initial permitted
210 application with the feeling that they had provided enough information to move forward
211 with a permit, but the DNR saw it differently, which was why they were asking for more
212 information. He stated that staff felt that the information they were asking for would
213 be most efficiently provided and the strongest support if they were able to use Critical
214 Connections to complete this work.

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216 Manager Weinandt clarified that the Board had already approved the task order, but was
217 being asked to revise it for the additional work, which would cost approximately \$38,000.

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219 President Bradley stated that it was correct and would provide information for the permit,
220 which was required by the DNR, in order to justify it because the State had given the
221 District \$2 million.

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223 Manager Waller noted that the District was \$7 million short. He expressed concerns
224 about potential pollution issues and suggested that the Board follow the guidance from
225 the DNR and not get in too deep.

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227 President Bradley noted that the DNR would give the District guidance after they supply
228 this additional information.

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230 Manager Weinandt asked if the Board passed this item, that would mean they would have
231 an additional \$38,000 to do the permit application, and if they didn't, the District would
232 have half a task order.

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234 President Bradley stated that they may also have to give back the \$2 million in grant funds.
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236 Manager Hegland asked if the Board chose to take this discussion back to a workshop
237 before making a decision, if it would negatively impact anything. She stated that from the
238 discussion among the Board, she hadn't heard the opinion that nothing should be done,
239 but they were \$7 million short of what was necessary to complete it in the way it was
240 originally envisioned. She stated that she has also heard concerns from 1 or 2 Managers
241 about whether this project was really within the scope of the District. She reiterated her
242 question on whether the Board tabled this item to be able to discuss it at a workshop,
243 whether it would negatively impact anything, or any deadlines.

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245 District Engineer Otterness stated that it would push the work back by at least a month.
246 He stated that he would have to check with Critical Connections because much of their
247 work was time-dependent. He explained that what had been provided for the District
248 was based on being able to get started right away. He noted that they are up against a
249 deadline for the grant because it has a hard stop on June 30, 2027.

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251 Manager Hegland asked what would happen if the District was not able to secure
252 additional funding, because there was a big gap.

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254 President Bradley stated that they have a Water Management District, so they could levy
255 for those funds, and reviewed some of the other options that may be available from other
256 fund balances. He stated that this would be something they should discuss in a
257 workshop and noted that the District has momentum on their side because they just got
258 almost \$1 million more from the State bonding bill, and explained that the District would
259 be granted this permit, the DNR just wants more information.

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261 Manager Hegland asked if there was any additional information on the guidelines with
262 the more recent funding related to how it can be spent.

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264 District Administrator Tomczik stated that the Governor had just signed the bill last Friday,
265 so the District hadn't had contact yet regarding guidelines on how the money can be
266 spent, but assumed it would be similar to grant protocols.

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268 Manager Hegland asked how quickly this item could be scheduled for a workshop.

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270 Manager Weinandt asked what the Board would do at a workshop on this topic.

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272 Manager Hegland explained that, to her, it was similar to why the Board was having a
273 workshop discussion about ACD 10-22-32, because it was a project that had been around
274 for a long time, and there are people on the Board who may not be as familiar with it as
275 the others. She stated that there may be things that have changed, and sometimes it
276 was good practice to take a step back and slow things down for a month to allow the full
277 Board to be on the same page.

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279 President Bradley stated that they were talking about two different issues. He noted
280 that this item was for \$38,000 to get a permit, but agreed that they needed to have
281 discussions about how they would be able to fund the rest of the project. He stated that
282 this was already included in their plan, and they just needed another \$38,000 to complete
283 the plan.

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285 Manager Hegland explained that she was not suggesting that the District shouldn't do the
286 project.

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288 Manager Waller stated that the \$38,000 was only going to authorize a plant survey for
289 additional information as part of their DNR permit application. He reiterated that this is
290 a \$9 million project and thinks the Board should take a serious look at what they are doing
291 and whether the engineering design is worth it. He felt it was prudent to go to a
292 workshop and take a look at revising the plans.

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294 President Bradley reiterated that this was for two different steps.

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296 Manager Weinandt gave a brief review of the project for the Board and the information
297 that had been shared by Project Manager Petry. She stated that she would agree that
298 they have momentum right now and would support approval of this item so they can keep
299 moving forward.

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301 ***Motion failed 2-3 (Waller, Hegland, and Robertson opposed).***

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303 Manager Hegland clarified that her 'no' vote was not saying no to the project, but was
304 saying that there were 3 people on the Board who had additional questions about it, and
305 bringing this to a workshop and causing a month-long delay would not make much of a
306 difference.

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308 Manager Robertson made a call to order for the meeting.

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310 **3. District Vehicle Purchase and Related Accessories**

311 District Administrator Tomczik stated that this had been discussed at the recent workshop
312 and noted that a handout had been left at the dais, and noted that the funds had been
313 budgeted.

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315 ***Motion by Manager Waller, seconded by Manager Robertson, to authorize the District
316 Administrator to purchase an additional Pickup truck and related accessories suitable
317 for District purposes and District staff use, at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.00. Motion
318 carried 5-0.***

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320 **4. Check Register Dated June 10, 2026, in the Amount of \$118,402.69, Prepared by
321 Redpath and Company**

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323 ***Motion by Manager Weinandt, seconded by Manager Waller, to approve the check***
324 ***register dated June 10, 2026, in the Amount of \$118,402.69, prepared by Redpath and***
325 ***Company. Motion carried 5-0.***
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327 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION**

328 **1. District Engineer Updates and Timeline**

329 District Engineer Otterness stated that Mr. Robinson had asked about possible grant
330 funding for public drainage work when he spoke at the Open Forum. He stated that this
331 was a frequently asked question, and the answer was that there really weren't grant
332 dollars available specific to drainage. He stated that there may be grants available for
333 water quality activities that are associated with drainage, but did not exist for cleaning
334 ditches out.
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336 **2. Administrator Updates**

337 District Administrator Tomczik stated he was still waiting for information from the City of
338 Circle Pines on their investigation and televising of its storm drain outleting into ACD 53-
339 62. He stated that for Anoka Ramsey JD-1, their due diligence found widespread
340 indicators of threatened and endangered species, so there will be additional site
341 investigation that needs to happen. He noted that the District's iron-enhanced sand
342 filters were functioning. He expressed appreciation to Lake & Stream Manager Kocian
343 for his hard work on the Centerville Lake Alum Project and noted that Anoka County Park
344 Director had also reached out and thanked Matt for his leadership on this project. He
345 asked for direction from the Board on what they would like to see at the workshop
346 meeting in July, related to the Jones Lake project.
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348 Manager Weinandt suggested that they add this item to the special workshop meeting
349 scheduled for June 22 on ACD 10-22-32.
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351 The Board shared the information and data they would like to see at the workshop related
352 to Jones Lake.
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354 **3. Manager Updates**

355 Manager Weinandt stated that she planned to attend the Clean Water Council's public
356 meeting next week.
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358 Manager Robertson explained that she would be present for the remainder of the June
359 meetings, but will not be able to attend the July 22, 2026, meeting.
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361 **ADJOURNMENT**

362 ***Motion by Manager Robertson, seconded by Manager Waller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25***
363 ***a.m. Motion carried 5-0.***
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